



December 2013 Newsletter

Oakton, VA

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Friends' Funding & Projects – 2013

-- Fred Pitman, Treasurer

The Oakton Friends have continued to grow and expand in 2013. Recent analysis of our funding support over the past five years revealed almost \$100,000 of support for the Oakton Library, the Fairfax Library Foundation and the Fairfax County Library system. This is due entirely to your membership dues and other contributions, your donation of books, and strong support for our book sales.

We also changed our book storage arrangements, for substantial savings, reducing our operating expenses to less than 10% of total expenditures.

During 2013, we provided the following:

- \$10,000 in magazine subscriptions and book purchases.
- \$1,200 for replacement meeting room tables, \$500 for the children's activity play center, and committed \$3,000 to replace the worn sofa in the children's area with two love seats.
- \$470 for Summer Reading program activities, including partial funding for the "Beauty of Indian Dance" program; \$700 for other programs presented during the year for children and adults; and \$100 to host a Brain Games pizza party.
- In May, the library staff and the Friends hosted a "thank you" event for all of the volunteers who provide assistance at the Oakton Library. The Friends provided \$1,200

in funding for food, decorations and thank-you gifts.

- Committed \$1,000 for the holiday open house in December, including music, holiday decorations and refreshments.
- Donated \$2,500 to the Fairfax Library Foundation and \$500 for the Fall for the Book festival.
- Proudly continued our support for the Easy Readers program at Oakton, providing \$200 to this program which pairs high school students with young readers to help encourage and develop their reading skills.

Book Sale News

Be sure to shop at our **Holiday Book Sale** this coming Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10:00 to 3:00. We offer gift quality books and holiday-themed books. A convenient place for holiday shopping at this busy time of year!

Thank you to everyone who made our Fall 2013 book sale one of our most successful ever! The sorters, workers, donors, and buyers all made this possible. During the sale, 53 volunteers contributed 397 hours! Check out the photos later in this newsletter.

Be sure to **save the date** for our Spring 2014 sale: Setup will begin on Saturday, March 15, with sale dates of Thursday, March 20 through Saturday, March 22.

Meanwhile please keep those fabulous donations coming!



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Winter Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 7, 11 am-1pm



Live Music

11 am Chalet Brass


Holiday Gift Books for Sale

All proceeds benefit the library.

10 am - 3 pm



Seasonal Refreshments

This event is made possible thanks to  **The Friends of
Oakton Library**



Special accommodation may be available by advance request. Call 703-324-8380 or TTY 703-324-8365.

Book Groups at Oakton Library

Four different book discussion groups are now meeting monthly at the Oakton Library, two during daytime and two in the evening.

The **Masterpiece Book Discussion Group** meets on a Thursday afternoon each month at 1:00 pm. This group reads a mixture of fiction, non-fiction, and classics. Coming sessions will discuss:

- Dec. 19 – “The Book Thief” by Marcus Zusak.
- Jan. 23 – “Unbroken” by Laura Hillenbrand
- Feb. 13 -- “Precious Bane” by Mary G. M. Webb

The **Mystery Book Club** meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 1:00 pm. Join in the monthly unraveling of a whodunit or thriller.

- Jan. 15 – “Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death” by M. C. Beaton (the first of the Agatha Raisin series)
- Feb. 19 – Book to be determined.

Money Matters focuses on personal finance and investing. It meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:15 pm.

- Dec. 10 – “Exchange-Traded Funds for Dummies”.by Russell Wild
- Jan. 14 --,”Investing With Exchange-Traded Funds Made Easy” by Marvin Appel
- Feb. 11 – “All About Exchange-Traded Funds” by Scott Frush

Oakton Book Discussion Group meets on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

- Dec. 19 – “My Name is Red” by Orhan Pamuk
- Jan. 16 – “Walk Across Egypt” by Clyde Edgerton
- Feb. 20 - “Doc” by Mary Doria Russell.

Please pass this newsletter along to a friend or neighbor who is interested in the Library, and encourage them to join the Friends!

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Friends! Please use the form on the last page of this newsletter. THANK YOU!!!

Zinio for Reading Magazines

The library offers access to current digital editions of many popular magazines for a variety of devices through a service called **Zinio**. This service is sponsored by the Library of Virginia, and is free!

There are no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. You may keep digital copies of magazines for as long as you wish. However only current issues are available to be downloaded.

Devices Supported

- PC and Mac
 - Read the magazine using online streaming OR
 - Download the Zinio app from the [Zinio website](#) to download and read magazines offline
- Android phones and tablets, iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, Kindle Fire/Fire HD, Nook HD/HD+, Windows 8 phones and tablets and Blackberry Playbook
 - Download the free Zinio app from your device's App Store to download and read magazines offline

You must create a Zinio library account, which is tied to your Fairfax County Library account. Then you will be prompted to open a Zinio.com account.

For complete instructions, refer to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/dbsremote/resource/zinio.htm>.

Take along some magazines on your next long flight!

Friends' Choice Award to Lois Beck

On October 9th, at a meeting of the Fairfax County Library Board, our Lois Beck was among the recipients of the Friends' Choice Awards for 2013. Nominated by the Friends of Oakton Library, Lois was honored for her many hours of work in our Book Sorting room and during our book sales. A former career officer in the US Army, she brings enthusiasm and a positive attitude each day she comes to work.

Congratulations and thank you, Lois!



Lois Beck receives her award from Will Jasper, Chairman of the Fairfax County Library Board

Announcements

The Friends of Oakton Library will hold their **Annual Meeting** for 2014 on Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00 pm at the Library. All members of the Friends are invited. Officers will be elected and the budget for the new year will be discussed.

Our monthly Board Meetings usually take place on the third Tuesday of each month. We have recently changed our start time to 7:00 pm. Check at the Library or in your newsletter, as we sometimes change our meeting dates.

What We're Reading

We wanted to share some books we've recently enjoyed.

- My sister recommended Fern Michaels' Sisterhood series (there are now 22). I started with *Weekend Warriors* and haven't stopped, with 5 more to go. Best if read in order written. Seven sisters form a group and render justice to felons who for one reason or another don't get punished; you won't believe what they do to them. Let's just say they more than get even.
– Jane Boyers

- *The Guns at Last Light* by Rick Atkinson –the third book of his trilogy about WWII. A lot happened between the Allied landing in Normandy, France, and the fall of Hitler. This book is a comprehensive, readable account of America's presence on the battlefield. The carnage is hard to believe. – Carole Dowd

- *Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey* by the Countess of Carnarvon – In addition to the history of the estate, it is interesting to learn about Lord Carnarvon's discovery of King Tut's tomb in the Valley of the Kings in Luxor. – Carole Dowd and Ann Balch

- *Double Down* by Mark Halperin & John Heilemann. If you liked *Game Change* on the 2008 election, you'll enjoy their new book about the 2012 election. --Tooley Milstead

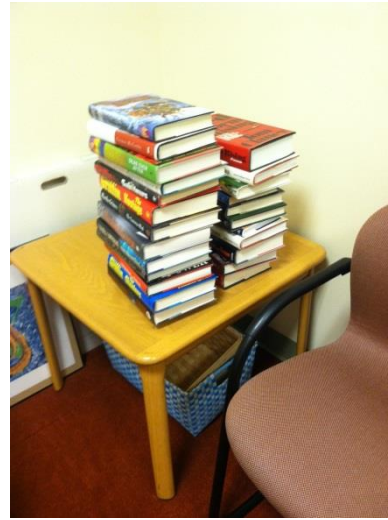
- *Hearts Touched By Fire* by Harold Holzer, with James M. McPherson, et al. For Civil War buffs, an interesting compilation of articles covering the entire span and most of the major events of the war. Individual articles were written by different authors with relevant knowledge. Some are well-known commanders and politicians (e.g. Joe Johnston and Ulysses Grant); others provide a view from the perspective of the individual soldier or small-unit commander. Some articles tend to be self-serving promotions or finger-pointing excuses but many provide a contemporary and interesting perspective on a particular battle or action.
– Fred Pitman

- *Bolivar: American Liberator* by Washington's own Peruvian-American author Marie Arana. Meticulously researched, fascinating biography of Bolivar and the history of South America's struggles toward democracy, woven into the history of the U.S. and Europe. – Ann Balch

Fall Book Sale - 2013



Boxes delivered from storage. Amazing!



Pristine books added to the FCPL collection.



The line outside the doors before opening (above) and the initial rush (below).



They liked the bag sale!



Winter Calendar

- All events take place at the Oakton Library unless specified.
- Most programs require a reservation. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events.
- Note that many events are repeated on multiple dates.
- **One-on-one computer instruction** is available by appointment most Tues., Wed., and Thurs. afternoons.
- The Library will be **closed** on these dates: Dec. 24-25, Dec. 31 at 5:00, Jan. 1, Jan. 20, and Feb. 17.

Wed., Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5 – 10:30 am – **Small Wonders** Short stories for you and your child. (13-23 months.)

Sat., Dec. 7, 11:00 – **Winter Holiday Celebration** with Chalet Brass.

Tues., Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11 – 7:15 pm – **Money Matters.** Book discussion; See p. 3.

Wed., Dec. 11, Dec. 18, Jan. 22, Jan. 29, Feb. 12, Feb. 26 – 10:30 am – **Toddler Tales.** (Age 2-3 with an adult.)

Mon., Dec. 16, Jan. 6, Feb. 3 – 3:30 pm – **Brain Games: Intergenerational.** Bring your friend, your grandparent, or your grandchild. (Age 6 up.)

Thurs., Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. 13 – 1:00 pm – **Masterpiece Book Group.** See p. 3.

Thurs., Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20 – 7:00 pm – **Oakton Book Discussion.** See page 3.

Sat., Dec. 21, Jan. 25, Feb. 22 – 10:30 am – **Saturday Storytime** (Age 2-5 with adult.)

Thurs., Jan. 2 – 1:30 pm - **Art in the Stacks** with museum educator Sarah Erdman (Age 6-12)

Tues., Jan 14 – 7:00 pm – **Annual Meeting** of the Friends of Oakton Library

Wed., Jan. 15, Feb. 19 – 1:00 pm – **Mystery Book Club.** See article on page 3.

Tues., Feb. 18 – 7:00 pm – **Board Meeting** of the Friends of Oakton Library.

Yes, Count Me as a Friend

Please renew your membership now for 2014!

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

New? ____ Membership Renewal? ____

Here's My Annual Membership Donation

\$10 Individual _____

\$25 Family _____

Additional Contribution _____

I would like to volunteer

my talents to help the Friends of Oakton Library.

Kindly check one or more:

- ___ Book Sales
- ___ Volunteer at the Library
- ___ Friends Programs / Special Events
- ___ Hospitality / Floral Displays
- ___ Horticulture / Outdoor Habitat
- ___ Expanding our Membership
- ___ Occasional Assistance

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Friends of Oakton Library

and then mail to

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Thank you!